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In May 1954, 14,546 tons of rolled metal products were imported by East Germany from the USSR, of the 438,500 tons scheduled to be imported in 1954.¹ The imports, which were not received on a regular basis, were far behind schedule in May; it was believed that they would be some 140,000 tons in arrears by the end of June. It was planned, however, to reduce this deficit during the third quarter of 1954 by increasing the rate of imports considerably, so that the 1954 target could be met.

Comment. According to previous information, 481,551 tons of steel were imported by East Germany in 1953, of which 335,225 tons were allegedly from the USSR.

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